

LITTLE THETFORD NEWSLETTER.



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All items for the next Newsletter covering February & March should be with the editor Mrs. J. Staines by January 15th please, jennifer.staines@btinternet.com or 38 The Wyches.

THE NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS AND VOLUNTEERS WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

Christmas and New Year at St George's Church

Saturday 8th December "Grand Christmas Fair" in the Village Hall 12 - 4pm

A large variety of stalls, hot refreshments, games, tombola - a warm welcome awaits you.

Sunday Worship

December 2 nd ,	Morning Praise for Advent	9.30am
December 9 th ,	Word and Worship, with the band	10.30am
December 16 th	CHRISTINGLE, with Little Thetford School, 5pm	
December 23 rd	CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT	3pm
December 24 th	"JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM" starts this year at St George's, 6pm	
December 25 th	Christmas Day Communion	9.30am
December 30 th	Morning Praise	9.30am
January 6 th ,	Morning Praise for Epiphany	9.30am
January 13 th	PLOUGH SUNDAY, United Service at St James Church, Stretham, with Bring and Share Lunch. Service starts 11am	
January 20 th	Holy Communion	9.30am
January 27 th	Morning Praise	9.30am

For Children and Young People

1st Little Thetford Brigade

Thursday evenings (in term time) 6-7.30pm. For both boys and girls. Games, Crafts, Music Making, Cooking, Stories, and more.

Sunday Club

Flexible arrangements. Most Sundays, same time as the morning service

Details of both these groups from Mrs Jane Dunseath 01353 649232

For Weddings, Baptisms, and other pastoral enquiries, please contact

Rev Margaret Harper 01353

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Friends Of St Georges Church. - Thank you to those who supported the concert by Capriccio in October and John Parish's talk on 24th. November. We are always very grateful for the support we get at these events as they are one of our main fund raising sources. We have completed all the repairs to the rear walls and are now pressing ahead with the work to the window. More events will be organized in the spring so please watch for details.

Little Thetford Baptist Chapel.

"For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given." Isaiah 9: 6

This Christmas, why not come along to one of the services or events either at St Georges or The Chapel?

Sunday 2nd December at 10.30am
Morning service with communion

Sunday 6th January at 10.30am
Morning service with communion

Sunday 9th December at 10.30am
Morning service

Sunday 13th January at 10.30am
Morning service

Sunday 9th December at 5pm
*Christmas Gift Giving Service with
The Salvation Army
(All donations to The Emmaus Community)*

Sunday 20th January at 10.30am
Morning service

Sunday 16th December at 10.30am
Morning Service

Sunday 27th January at 10.30am
Morning service

Sunday 23rd December at 10.30am
Morning service with traditional Christmas carols.

Monday 24th December at 6pm
'Journey to Bethlehem' Starting at St. George's and finishing at The Baptist chapel. (Refreshments served after a short service)

Sunday 30th December at 10.30am *Informal service led by chapel members*

Christmas Gift Giving Service: Sunday 9th December at 5pm:

Once again, we are pleased to announce that our friends from Waterbeach Salvation Army will be leading this service of Christmas celebration. Gift donations will be passed to The Emmaus Community at Landbeach. All welcome to this service however, if you are unable to attend but would still like to give, donations can be dropped off at 3, Chapel Close. (Donations could include toiletries, sweets, biscuits, socks, scarves or gloves).

'Journey to Bethlehem' – Monday 24th December at 6pm

All villagers are welcome to join with the two churches as we remember the events of Jesus Christ's birth. Starting at St. George's at 6pm, we complete our journey at the Baptist Chapel. Refreshments served afterwards.

Coffee Mornings at The Chapel:

Wednesday 5th December at 10am
(Please note change of usual day)

Tuesday 18th December at 10am - 'Christmas Special!'

Wednesday 2nd January at 10am

Wednesday 16th January at 10am

Cambridgeshire Acre Oil Buying Scheme.

A community-based, oil - buying scheme.
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Welcome to our New Committee Members

Little Thetford Acorns have had some changes on the Committee in the last few months with some long standing members leaving us. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their hard work and dedication to the Setting over the last few years.

We held our AGM on the 17th October and would like to say thank you to all the parents who attended and to those who agreed to come onto Committee. We welcome you and your support is very much appreciated.

The children are enjoying a busy time; we have many planned activities over the next few weeks, along with all the normal excitement of the Christmas season. Our topic this half term is learning all about our "Senses". We created a poppy, which the children placed in St Georges church, ready for Remembrance Sunday, along with joining in the fun with Pudsey Bear for Children in Need. Our Christmas Trip will be to Wicken Fen on Wednesday 19th December, the children will enjoy a lovely winter walk around the Fen, followed by the opportunity of taking part in some craft activities and meeting Father Christmas. They'll also have the opportunity to meet him again at our "Breakfast with Santa" on the 8th December. Our final few days of term will be the Christmas Concert and party to keep us all very busy!

Fundraising Events

We recently held a Cake Stall, which raised over £91 for our Setting, which is fantastic.

Forthcoming events: Breakfast with Santa - Saturday 8th December at 10am.

Setting Wish List

If you are thinking of having a "Toy Clear Out" before Christmas, we would be extremely grateful of any donations of the following items:

Small cars, work bench, tools, lego, trucks, hot wheels and track, construction toys, inter-stars, octons, knex and suitable computer games for primary school age children - thank you.

Holiday Club

We will soon be starting the planning for our **February Holiday Club**

- 11th - 15th February 2013 between 8am - 6pm.

If you would like further details on this Holiday Club, activities on offer or wish to send your child, please contact us - 01353 649234 or admin@littlethetfordacorns.org.uk

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Please take a look it's easy to use; we are on there as "Little Thetford Acorns" just click on us and then the chosen retailer you wish to buy from (there's hundreds on there, including all the high street names) and we receive a percentage of your total order with no extra cost to you. With many people now choosing to buy online this is a great way for us to raise funds for equipment and the little extras we need from time to time.

It just leaves us to say we wish everyone a very "MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR"

For enquiries about our services please do not hesitate to contact us - 01353 649234 or admin@littlethefordacorns.org.uk or via our website www.littlethefordacorns.org.uk

Bert's Bingo Night 7th December
Village Hall

7.30pm eyes down
Great game of bingo with lots of raffle prizes to be won.



In aid of Little Thetford Netball Club

<p>Link Decorating.</p> <p>Painting & Decorating. Wall papering. Ceramic wall and floor tiling. Coving.</p> <p>Contact Simon on Tel. 01353 648497 or 07596454345 www.linkdecorating.co.uk</p>
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Little Thetford Feast Committee July 2013

The committee are now starting preparations for next year feast which we hope to be bigger & better. If anyone would like to have a stall or would like to join the committee, please call Rob Stead 648140 or anyone from the committee, Sharon Smith, Lisa & Julie Murfitt & Georgie Heaton

Lt. Thetford Social Club.

Saturday December 15th – everyone will be welcome at our Karaoke Night.

Christmas Eve the bar is open from 8pm – **Christmas Day** from 12 – 2pm. **New Year's Eve** we are holding a disco tickets £10 – but if you get your new memberships beforehand entry will be free.

The Social Club Committee wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Little Thetford Parish Council

At the October meeting correspondence was received concerning the trees in the cemetery – East Cambs. District Council's Tree Officer has been contacted for advice.

The clerk confirmed that she was unable to get replacement parts for the cradle swing in the Play Area and she was asked to order a new seat and chains. Cllr Russell has over the autumn trimmed back the hedge growth and he and Cllr. Bullen have repaired the soft surface where it had deteriorated. An additional seat is being researched for this area.

Following a number of complaints contact was made with the Rights of Way and Access Team at the County Council about the state of the Fen Rivers Way due to the cows grazing on the river bank.

At the November meeting the Councillors were pleased to welcome Mr. Kai Stoeber as a Councillor to fill one of the PC vacancies. One vacancy remains and interested parties are reminded to contact the clerk.

Cllr. B. Hunt attended and gave an update on both County and District council matters

Research into a possible site for a BMX style track and other items for the over 10's continue.

A Planning Application for Popes Corner Marina was considered and it was agreed that the PC's response would be to be guided by The Environment Agencies views. It was agreed to recommend approval for the Planning Application for a loft conversion and separate garage/gymnasium at Berrycroft, Red Fen Road.

Following a request it was agreed to send a £50. donation to MAGPAS.

It was noted that the Waterbeach – Ely and return bus service is to be partially re-instated.

Memorials to be sited on graves in the cemetery were approved.

The Precept for 2013/14 was set at £14,000 grass cutting, maintenance, insurance and general running costs the main focus for the increase.

An additional bin for dog waste has been ordered to be sited in Holt Fen.

Residents are reminded that the contents of the salt bins are there for their use on the roads – not private property. Salt should be spread very sparingly when needed.

Next PC Meeting – Monday December 10th 7:30pm in the Village Hall.